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IN RESPONSE TO DUTCH VIEWS OUTLINED REFTEL REGARDING STATUS OF CCMS, WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVES TO STAND ON PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT REAFFIRMING U.S. SUPPORT FOR CCMS AT THE NOVEMBER 1974 PLENARY (TEXT BELOW FOR BENEFIT INFO ADDRESSEES). WE ARE DEVELOPING AND WILL SEND BY SEPTEL ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR USE BY AMBASSADOR BRUCE OR BY US REP TO CCMS TRAIN, SHOULD MATTER SURFACE AT CCMS PLENARY OR IN NAC. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED TEXT:

STATEMENT BY THE HONORABLE GERALD R. FORD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
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TO THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY AT NATO, OCTOBER 22-23, 1974

SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1969, NATO'S COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY HAS SET AN ADMIRABLE EXAMPLE OF NATIONS WORKING EFFECTIVELY TO IDENTIFY AND EXPLORE PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS WE JOINTLY FACE.

THIS COMMITTEE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR SOVEREIGN NATIONS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS WHICH TRANSCEND NATIONAL BOUNDARIES AND WHICH POSE MAJOR CHALLENGES TO MODERN CIVILIZATION. WORKING TOGETHER, YOU HAVE DONE FAR MORE THAN ANY ONE MEMBER N NATION COULD HAVE ACHIEVED SEPARATELY.

THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL THAT IT CAN TO FURTHER THIS COMMON EFFORT. WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED THAT TIMELY STUDIES ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ALTERNATE CLEARN SOURCES OF ENERGY ARE WELL UNDERWAY IN CCMS. YOUR WORK IN THESE AND OTHER AREAS IS IMPORTANT TO EACH OF OUR NATIONS, TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, AND TO THE WORLD.

AS YOU MEET IN PLENARY SESSION, I OFFER CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR

FUTURE PROJECTS. END TEXT.PEREZ

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